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Column One
by
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PRESIDENT Truman today will be here at the White House to Mr. Adlai Stevenson. The occasion is said to be unprecedented. It is a formal luncheon party and is taken to mean that Mr. Truman, whilst still in office, and in his capacity as President, is resolved to identify himself and his policies with the Democratic nominees for the occupancy of the White House after next November. What is interesting is less Mr. Truman's break with precedent than Mr. Stevenson's willing acceptance of the implications; for today's event will be taken to mean that the Governor of Illinois intends, if given the opportunity, to take up where Mr. Truman leaves off.

If it should come to the point, he may do nothing of the kind; but evidently he and the Democratic managers believe that Mr. Truman and his policies are still what the electors prefer not merely over the rampaging conservatism of "the two Republican parties" but also over any new-fangled notions within the Democratic party. Truman in other words — that "gamecock" of the White House — is still a big asset in the Democratic: the people like his courage, respect his policies and glory in his resilient "Americanism," which is more than the old Standard American of European Headquarters who the atmosphere of a royal court. Mr. Stevenson's course one may guess, will not be hurt by being, in effect, Mr. Truman's.

It would be foolish to gauge just now November's prospects out of the campaign's full context. But it is odd to find that General Eisenhower is under compulsion to drive a way not only to the minds but also to the hearts of the American people during the next three months. It had been thought that he was already costly there. Last week he appeared at Los Angeles, for his opening campaign speech, at a big auditorium with a seating capacity of something like 115,000. Only 14,000 people, by police calculations, came to listen. There is no reason to suppose that this relative indifference will continue; but Los Angeles must have earned some discredit in General Eisenhower's eyes.

THE Democrats, on the other hand, seem to be advancing in confidence. Governor Byrnes, whose enmity to the Truman Administration had lasted beyond the conciliation brought about at Chicago between the Southern States and the Northern-dominated party machine, has come out for Stevenson and to cut away the last Republican hope of a Southern State except Texas, which hardly counts as Southern. The shift in the balance of prospects has been cautiously noted by big U.S. newspapers which had plumped enthusiastically for Eisenhower when the General still strode politically undecided among the oil-and-crystal of Vichy. Even "Time" magazine presents a careful reckoning which makes Stevenson no less admirable as potential president, and as his likely fit to the electorate's choice, than Eisenhower. A month or two ago there was but one man fit for President and one party fit for honest Americans — General Eisenhower and the Republicans.

WHAT is important is that these, two men fit to rule from the White House. The vulgarity and chicanery of party calculations has not prevented them from conventions of integrity and high reputation. It is for the people, now, to decide which of two good men is the better.

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Spain Issues On U.S. Arms Equipment MADRID, Monday (UPI) — Spain is holding an urgent military conference for its armed forces to discuss the U.S. air and naval bases, high priority will have, yesterday. This is also demanding that the bases be manned by officers of both countries. Instead it is held that reported of a deadlock in the negotiations, the Spanish government has now decided to seek a revision of the arrangement of bases, had now been rejected.

Talal's Son, Hussein, Made King of Jordan REGENCY COUNCIL TO RULE

AMMAN, Monday. — The Jordan Parliament at the recommendation of the Government decided to end the 11-month reign of ailing King Talal today and proclaim his son Hussein, King of Jordan. The decision was taken at a five-hour meeting which began at 10:30 a.m. with the reading of reports about the King's health.

A Reservoir

Committee will act for King Hussein until May 2 next year when he reaches the age of 18. The new King is a student at Harrow, famous English school. He is at present on

holiday in London, Britain, with his mother.

The present Regency Council, set up in Amman on June 4 last, will continue to reign the country until Hussein comes of age. It consists of Ibrahim Hasheem, President of the Senate, Senator Abdul Rahim Reshidat and Senator Suliman Toukan, former Minister of Defense.

The Regency Council was sworn in at a second Cabinet session later today.

After receiving the reports of three doctors who had treated Talal since childhood, Parliament moved that because of the rapid deterioration of his health he was

no longer

mentally fit to rule the country, and that his powers should be transferred to Hussein under Article 28 of the constitution.

The article says that in the event of the King being incapacitated by insanity the Council of Ministers shall immediately invite the House of Representatives to a session. If the session is definitely confirmed the House shall decide to depose the King and transfer the royal prerogative to his heir.

Returning Home

The new King and his family will leave London next week, a spokesman of the Central Government of Arab said yesterday. Shortly before their departure, Government members will visit Hussein at his London hotel to wish him farewell.

Khanjali Jarrah, Ambassador to the King, left Amman for Switzerland to bring Hussein to Jordan.

In London the young King learned of his accession to the throne in a telegram sent to His Majesty King Hussein the day before yesterday by Premier Abdul Twel.

A Royal Household official said Queen Rania would not permit the young King to give an interview to the press before he is to be known as King of Jordan. "He is too young to talk to the press, the Queen feels," he said.

His Father's Blood —

— underscored to be schizophrenia — has grown into epilepsy over the past year. While Talal was in Europe, he had gone to London to see his wife Queen Rania and Hussein. But the Queen let it be known she did not want to see her husband until his mental condition had improved.

Before returning to Amman the King called the Prime Minister, "We are returning back to my country to put myself sincerely at your disposal."

Theouting of Talal ended a disturbed and tragic year for the Kingdom of Jordan and its Hashemite dynasty — a year which began with the assassination of King Abdullah July 20 last year. Talal's formal abdication came three days after that of one of his most powerful supporters, the ex-King Farouk of Egypt.

As a result of the Hashemite succession, the Hashemites were driven into exile, and King Farouk was forced to leave Jordan.

Templars' Property To Be Held in Bond THE HAGUE, Monday (UPI) — The Israel delegation at the reparations talks here today announced that contributions in Israel of the Order of Knights Templars will be kept in bond by Israel until an agreement is signed between Israel and Germany.

The Order of German Templars, whose headquarters are in Australia, will then be able to deal directly with the Israeli Government, it was said.

Bonds, U.J.A. to Form Coordinating Body NEW YORK, Monday (INA) — A committee to coordinate the Israel Bond Drive and the United Jewish Appeal is to be formed this month following discussions between the Israeli Ambassador, Mr. Abba Eban, and representatives of the Bond Drive, the U.J.A. and the American Section of the Jewish Agency.

The discussions have been based on an Israel Cabinet decision of July 30.

Mapai Wins Landslide In Migdal Ascalon

MIGDAL ASCALON, Monday (ITIM) — The elections committee for the voting to the new local Labour Council here has confirmed the results of yesterday's polling as Mapai 5,757 votes (18 seats), Mapam 400 votes (two seats), Haoved Hazir 218 votes (one seat), Lechidut Ha'avoda 81 votes (no seats). Of the total of 5,838 ballots cast, 41 were declared invalid. There was a 20 percent poll.

Eden to Marry Churchill's Niece LONDON, Monday (Reuters) — Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, whom many men expect to be Prime Minister in shortly to marry Miss Cicilia Spencer Churchill, niece of Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

The engagement will be formally announced tomorrow.

3 Minors Among 7 Mid-East Kings

BEIRUT, Monday (UP) — Seven kings remain in the Middle East. Three of them are minors, and King Hussein II joins six-month-old King Ahmed Fuad of Egypt and his cousin, schoolboy King Faisal of Iraq. The others are the Shah of Iran, King Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia, King Imam Ahmed of Yemen and King Idris of Libya.

The crowns sit uneasily on the heads of Iran's Shah Reza Pahlevi, whose powers are being steadily reduced by nationalism. Premier Mohammed Mossadegh, and of Yemen's Imam Ahmed, who has said he is an old friend of mine".

It is understood that Amin Abdul Hadi, the former Palestinian leader of the Istiklal and now Jordan ambassador in Cairo, paid a formal visit to the ex-Mufti last June and a little later the visit was returned at the Jordan embassy.

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